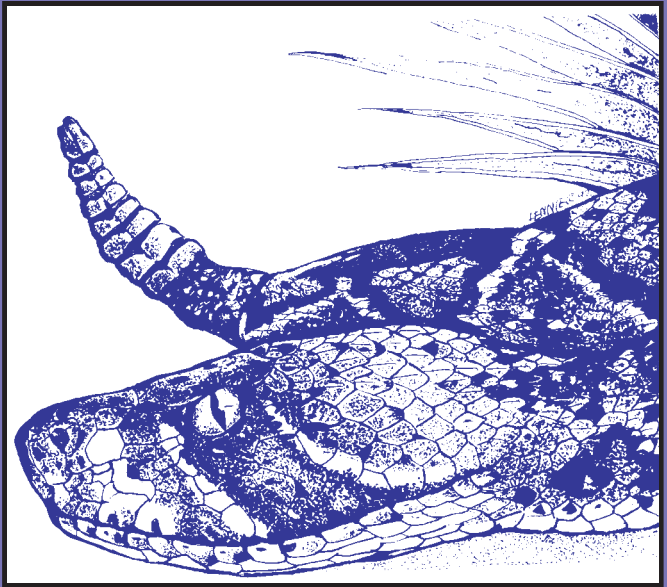


# Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands

## *National Wildlife Refuges Amphibian and Reptile List*



*Covering nearly 45,000 acres, Florida Panther and Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuges in southwest Florida are comprised of sloughs, mangrove and cypress swamps, wet prairies, pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks and cabbage palm forests. Reptiles and amphibians are afforded this variety of habitats in a favorable sub-tropical climate. As a result, these creatures are generally abundant, and observable throughout most of the year.*

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Like all refuge wildlife, reptiles and amphibians are fully protected and shall not be hunted, collected, or otherwise harmed in anyway. They should be observed and appreciated for the valuable role they play in the natural world. At the present time, Florida Panther NWR is closed to the public to protect the few remaining Florida Panthers. For more information, contact the Refuge Manager at 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Suite 30 Naples, Florida, 33942, 941/353-8442

**Amphibians**

Amphibians are moist skinned vertebrates and were the first vertebrates to dwell on land. Most necessitate a "two stage" life cycle, with aquatic eggs and larvae, and the subsequent terrestrial adult form.

**Toads**

+ Marine Toad  
Southern Toad  
Oak Toad  
Eastern Narrow Mouthed Toad

**Frogs**

Florida Cricket Frog  
Florida Chorous Frog  
Southern Leopard Frog  
Pig Frog  
+Greenhouse Frog

**Tree Frogs**

+Cuban Tree Frog  
Barking Tree Frog  
Squirrel Tree Frog  
Green Tree Frog

**Amphiumas, Sirens**

Two Toed Amphiuma  
Greater Siren



This blue goose, designed by Ding Darling, has become a symbol of the National Wildlife System

## **Reptiles**

All reptiles have scaly bodies and must breath air. Many live and can be found in and around water.

## **Crocodylians**

**E** American Crocodile  
American Alligator

## **Lizards**

+ Brown Anole  
\*+ Mediterranean Gecko  
+ Indo-Pacific Gecko  
Southeastern Five Lined Skink  
Ground Skink  
Six lined Race Runner  
Eastern Glass Lizard  
Eastern Slender Glass Lizard  
Green Anole

## **Turtles and Tortoises**

Florida Box Turtle  
Florida Snapping Turtle  
Florida Red Bellied Turtle  
Florida Chicken Turtle  
Florida Softshell Turtle  
Striped Mud Turtle  
\* Stinkpot  
Peninsula Cooter  
Gopher Tortoise  
Ornate Diamond Back Terrapin  
**T** Atlantic Loggerhead Sea Turtle  
**E** Green Sea Turtle  
**E** Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle

## **Non-Venomous Snakes**

These snakes are harmless and valuable in habitants of our natural Florida environment. Though they may bite humans if provoked, the resulting wound is not serious.

Florida Watersnake  
Florida Green Watersnake  
Florida Brown Snake  
Southern Black Racer  
Corn Snake  
South Florida Kingsnake  
\* Rough Green Snake  
Striped Crawfish Snake  
Eastern Hognose Snake

Peninsula Ribbon Snake  
Eastern Garter Snake  
Yellow Rat Snake

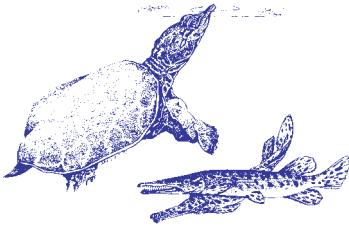
\* Everglades Rat Snake  
\* Eastern Indigo Snake  
Florida Scarlet Snake  
Scarlet Kingsnake  
Eastern Coachwhip  
Eastern Mud Snake  
Southern Ringneck Snake

### **Venomous Snakes**

All snakes listed here are extremely dangerous and should not be

approached. As well, caution should be taken in areas likely to be inhabited by these creatures. Contrary to folklore and superstition, no poisonous snake will deliberately attack humans. In fact, the vast majority of bites occur

when the victim is trying to capture, harm or kill the snake.



Florida Cottonmouth  
Dusky Pigmy Rattlesnake  
Eastern Diamond Back Rattlesnake  
Eastern Coral Snake

† Introduced species, which is likely to have established a breeding population.

\* Species observed in the vicinity of the refuges, and presumed to occur within its borders.

**E** Federally listed endangered species.

**T** Federally listed threatened species.

Additional species identified on the refuges will be periodically added to an updated list.

**Sighting Notes**

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*Observers*

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*American Alligator*



*Joe Doherty*

*Green Anole*

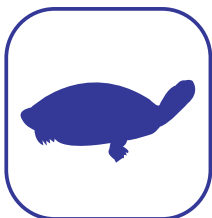


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*Gopher Tortoise*



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